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Art Unit 1655

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/599,594; Filed: June 22, 2000
For: **Primers and Methods for the Detection and Discrimination
of Nucleic Acids**
Inventors: Nazarenko *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4980002/RWE/AGU

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
3. Form PTO 1449 (2 sheets) listing references AE6, AF6, AR18, AS18, AT18, AR19, AS19 and AT19;
4. A copy of references AE6, AF6, AR18, AS18, AT18, AR19, AS19 and AT19;
5. Our check no. 33188 for \$180.00 to cover the IDS late fee; and
6. One (1) return postcard.

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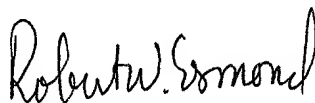
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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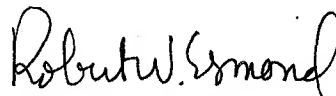
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Attached is our Check No. 33188 in the amount of \$ 180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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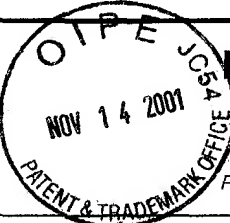


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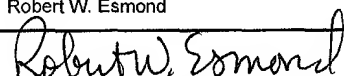
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